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SUBJ: DRILLING NEAR THASSOS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION AUGUST 4 BETWEEN EMBOFF AND HALIL DAG, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, LATTER RAISED THE SUBJECT OF GREEK DRILLING NEAR THASSOS. WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS EXCHANGES BETWEEN MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG AND AMBASSADOR (REFTELS), DAG SAID THAT GOG HAS DRILLED SEVERAL TIMES IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS NEAR THASSOS. HE SAID GOT CONSIDERED GREEK DRILLING ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO BE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT. DAG POINTED OUT THAT GOT CONSIDERS STATUS OF AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF TO BE IN DISPUTE AND SAID THAT WHILE EITHER COUNTRY WOULD BE WITHIN ITS RIGHTS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO CONDUCT DRILLING OPERATIONS.

2. EMBOFF CHALLENGED DAG, SAYING THAT COMPANY DOING THE
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DRILLING NEAR THASSOS WAS AN AMERICAN COMPANY AND THAT WE

PRESUMED OUR INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT NO DRILLING
HAD BEEN DONE OUTSIDE OF TERRITORIAL WATERS WAS ACCURATE.
WHEN DAG PERSISTED, EMBOFF ASKED HOW FAR OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL
WATERS ALLEGED DRILLING HAD TAKEN PLACE. DAG RESPONDED THAT
IT HAD OCCURRED AS FAR AS BETWEEN TEN AND 15 MILES BEYOND
THE SIX-MILE TERRITORIAL WATER LIMIT.
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